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**NEWS RELEASE**

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November 2002 collections of the Tennessee Department of Revenue were \$599,902,420, an increase of \$43,244,158 or 7.8 percent over November 2001 collections.

Sales and use tax collections were \$444,703,021, up \$69,607,600 or 18.6 percent over November 2001 collections. Tax rate increases accounted for over 85% of the increased collections, with \$56,645,342 due to the 1% tax increase and \$3,377,390 due to the single article tax. Including tax changes from the 2002 session, the retail trade group was up 13.7 percent over collections from last year. Contributing to the rise were general merchandise stores (up 19.3%), miscellaneous retail stores (up 20.1%), eating and drinking places (up 19.0%), building materials stores (up 18.1%), and food stores (up 8.4%). Sales tax receipts from the services group were up 14.0 percent over collections in November 2001, with hotels and lodging places (up 19.0%) and auto repair, services and parking (up 17.3%) accounting for the greatest portion of the rise. The non-retail, non-services group was up 41.7 percent, led by communications (up 24.1%) and wholesale trade (up 13.7%).

Franchise and excise tax collections were \$16,134,354, down \$29,351,209 or 64.5 percent when compared to November 2001 collections. Separately, the franchise tax collections were \$13,385,106, down \$30,137,409 or 69.3 percent from last year. Excise tax collections were \$2,749,247, an increase of \$786,200 or 40.1 percent over November 2001 net collections.

Inheritance, gift and estate collections were \$8,372,152, an increase of \$2,711,586 or 47.9 percent when compared to last year's collections.

Tobacco tax collections rose by \$2,335,179 or 35.5 percent over collections from the same period one year ago to a total of \$8,922,828.

Privilege tax collections were \$16,551,173, an increase of \$1,966,940 or 13.5 percent over collections from the same period last year.

The Hall income tax collections of \$579,349 were \$1,902,183 or 143.8 percent over last November's collections.

Gasoline tax collections were \$46,069,359 in November 2002, \$4,028,435 or 8.0 percent less than November 2001 collections.

Motor vehicle registrations declined \$912,785 or 6.0 percent to \$14,409,350 when compared to the same period one year ago.